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DIARY NOTES

11 April 1960

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25X1A9a 1. I talked to [REDACTED] about the space requirements for the Photographic Intelligence Center and am reasonably well satisfied that taking over the Arcade Sunshine Building is the only possibility of processing PIC material within the next six to eight months. H

25X1A9a 2. I talked with [REDACTED] about a party [REDACTED] and, as of now, have reserved the Fort Myer Officers' Club for the evening of 31 May for a Dutch treat cocktail party in his honor.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] advised me that as a result of his preliminary negotiations with the owners of the [REDACTED] they were asking for \$225,000 annual rental. He asked them to submit a proposal in writing and anticipates that we will not receive it before the end of the week. Two General Services Administration representatives participated also in the negotiations. He reminded me that should we decide to go ahead with this, it would be necessary for us to request that GSA negotiate the lease rather than advertise for bids and that the Director would have to sign a "Certificate of Necessity" justifying the expenditures for alterations to a leased building. In his discussions with GSA it was indicated that they would be willing to advertise for competitive bids for 200,000 square feet of space in nearby Virginia. However, he thinks, as does GSA, that it would be eighteen months to two years, assuming that we were successful, before we could occupy such space. (In this connection, Ed Saunders told me that Frank Ecker, 25X1A Bureau of the Budget, had spent considerable time [REDACTED] looking over the PIC requirements and advised that they would interpose no objection to our leasing the [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] Before this is consummated, however, they want us to press the Services for a contribution and will advise us as to what this contribution should be before they approve of this. H

25X1A9a 4. I called [REDACTED] and asked him to check into and advise me as to the outcome of the investigation which General Cabell directed be made in connection with an anonymous letter he received as well as Colonel Edwards and myself some time ago.

25X1A9a 5. [REDACTED] called to say that some of the tractors used to tow the vans in connection with [REDACTED] were ten years old and damaged. I authorized him to go ahead and ask the Office of Logistics to survey these tractors to determine whether it would be more economical to repair them or buy new ones. He also said that Dick Bissell requested that this broadcasting facility be kept in a state of constant readiness.

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